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BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST FOR SECRETARY BUTZ

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TAGS: EAGR, ETRD

SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ'S VISIT TO POLAND - GRAINS
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: WARSAW 7406

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS FOR JOINT PRESS RELEASE/
JOINT COMMUNIQUE (PARA 2) OR EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (PARAS 3
AND 4). AS NOTED SEPTEL, STATE AND USDA HAVE AGREED TO
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RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY TRY TO HOLD DOCUMENTATION IN WARSAW
TO JOINT PRESS RELEASE OR JOINT COMMUNIQUE RATHER THAN EX-
CHANGE OF LETTERS, IF HE CAN DO SO WITHOUT VIOLATING SPIRIT
OF HIS UNDERSTANDING WITH AGRICULTURAL MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI

DURING LATTER'S SEPTEMBER VISIT TO WASHINGTON. EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ACCEPTABLE, IF POLES INSIST, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT GO BEYOND TEXTS BELOW, BUT USDA AND STATE PREFER JOINT PRESS RELEASE OR COMMUNIQUE IN POLISH CASE AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PRECEDENT OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN DEALING WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. AGATT SHOULD PASS APPROPRIATE TEXTS TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE UPON RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION FROM SECRETARY BUTZ.

2. SUGGEST JOINT PRESS RELEASE: QUOTE UNITED STATES,

POLAND REACH UNDERSTANDING ON AGRICULTURE TRADE BEGIN TEXT WARSAW, NOVEMBER --SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL L. BUTZ AND POLISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THEY HAD REACHED AN UNDERSTANDING ON LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES IN GRAIN TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI SAID THEIR UNDERSTANDING REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE US-POLISH JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE WHICH WAS SIGNED DURING THE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF POLISH FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK IN OCTOBER 1974.

THE UNDERSTANDING GREW OUT OF EARLIER MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI DURING THE MINISTER'S SEPTEMBER VISIT TO THE U.S. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON LONG-TERM GRAIN PURCHASES BY POLAND WERE HELD DURING THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE AMERICAN-POLISH JOINT TRADE COMMISSION WHICH MET IN WARSAW, OCTOBER 6-8, 1975.

IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY BUTZ, MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI STATED POLAND'S INTENTION TO BUY 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS OF GRAIN FROM THE UNITED STATES ANNUALLY FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, ASSUMING THAT THE QUALITY OFFERED AND THE DELIVERY DATES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE POLISH SIDE, AND THAT THE PRICE LEVEL WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM WORLD MARKET PRICES. HE SAID THAT ACTUAL PURCHASES IN ANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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GIVEN YEAR COULD FLUCTUATE BY AS MUCH AS 20 PERCENT FROM THE 2.5 MILLION TON FIGURE. MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI ALSO PROVIDED SECRETARY BUTZ WITH AN ESTIMATED BREAKDOWN OF THE 2.5 MILLION TONS BY COMMODITY.

SECRETARY BUTZ EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE CLEAR INDICATION MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI HAD GIVEN AMERICAN FARMERS REGARDING POLAND'S FUTURE IMPORT INTENTIONS. HE THANKED THE MINISTER FOR HIS EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. AS A RELIABLE SUPPLIER OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, AS DEMONSTRATED BY POLAND'S WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE ITS GRAIN PURCHASES BY TWO TO THREE TIMES OVER

RECENT LEVELS. REFERRING TO THE OCTOBER 8, 1974 JOINT STATEMENT, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY INTENDS TO PERMIT POLAND TO PURCHASE ITS PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS, SUBJECT TO SUPPLY AVAILABILITIES. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT THE DETAILED IMPORT PLANS NOW BEING PROVIDED BY POLAND, INCLUDING POLAND'S EXPRESSION OF ITS INTENTION TO PURCHASE 2.5 MILLION TONS OF GRAIN, ANNUALLY FROM THE UNITED STATES ARE THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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THE SECRETARY ALSO SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A TRADITIONAL AND VALUABLE CCC CREDIT CUSTOMER AND WILL CONTINUE TO ACCORD APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION TO POLAND'S FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDIT. (THIS COULD BE EXPANDED IF ADDITIONS DO NOT DEPART FROM LANGUAGE IN OCTOBER 1974 JOINT STATEMENT AND COULD INCLUDE MENTION OF ANY CREDITS WHICH MAY BE AUTHORIZED PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THIS TEXT.)

THE SECRETARY AND MINISTER NOTED THAT ACTUAL ANNUAL TRADE FIGURES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN PERIODIC CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. SECRETARY BUTZ AND MINISTER BARCIKOWSKI BOTH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT AND STATED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE UNDERSTANDING THEY HAD REACHED WILL FACILITATE THE STABILIZATION AND CONTINUED
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GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. END TEXT.

3.
THE HONORABLE EARL L. BUTZ, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEAR MR. SECRETARY:
MY GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF POLAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHICH WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 8, 1974 DURING THE VISIT OF FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK IN WASHINGTON.

AS A TRADITIONAL IMPORTER OF GRAINS FROM THE UNITED STATES, POLAND EXPRESSES ITS DESIRE TO EXPAND ITS PURCHASES OF GRAINS, INCLUDING FEED GRAINS, AND REAFFIRMS ITS REQUEST THAT THE U.S. GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDITS FOR EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

TO POLAND. POLAND INTENDS TO BUY FOOD GRAINS AND FEED GRAINS ON THE U.S. MARKET DURING THE PERIOD 1976-80 IN ANNUAL AMOUNTS OF 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS WITH AN ANNUAL VARIATION OF PLUS OR MINUS 20 PERCENT, ASSUMING THAT THE QUALITY OFFERED AND THE DELIVERY DATES WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE POLISH SIDE, AND THAT THE PRICE LEVEL WILL NOT DEVIATE FROM WORLD MARKET PRICES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH II OF THE JOINT STATEMENT,

THE AMOUNTS OF SPECIFIC COMMODITIES WHICH POLAND INTENDS TO IMPORT WITHIN THIS 2.5 MILLION TON FIGURE WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED BY PARAGRAPH II OF THE JOINT STATEMENT, OR, IN THE EVENT THE WORKING GROUP DOES NOT MEET AT A CONVENIENT TIME, THEN IN DIRECT CONSULTATIONS BY JULY OF EACH YEAR BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE UNDERSTANDINGS AND ASSURANCES IN THE JOINT STATEMENT WILL FACILITATE THE STABILIZATION AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CONTINUED GROWTH OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS,

SIGNED, KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

4.

THE HONORABLE KAZIMIERZ BARCIKOWSKI, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC. DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THE UNITED STATES SHARES POLAND'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION AND TRADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE JOINT STATEMENT ON DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WHICH WAS SIGNED ON OCTOBER 8, 1974 DURING THE VISIT OF FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK IN WASHINGTON.

THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A TRADITIONAL IMPORTER OF U.S. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND VALUES POLAND AS AN AGRICULTURAL MARKET. ON BEHALF OF AMERICAN FARMERS I EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE CLEAR INDICATION YOU HAVE GIVEN US REGARDING POLAND'S FUTURE IMPORT NEEDS. AS SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS, THE U.S. STATES ITS FULL INTENTION TO MEET POLAND'S

PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS, IMPORT DEMAND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITIES. THE DETAILED IMPORT PLANS NOW BEING PROVIDED BY POLAND, WHICH INCLUDE ANNUAL PURCHASES OF 2.5 MILLION TONS OF GRAINS, ARE THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE THAT SUPPLIES WILL BE FULLY AVAILABLE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT, AS INDICATED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT, THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES POLAND AS A TRADITIONAL AND VALUABLE CCC CREDIT CUSTOMER AND WILL ACCORD

POLAND'S FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR CCC CREDIT NO LESS FAVORABLE TREATMENT THAN WILL BE ACCORDED TO APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER SOCIALIST AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNDER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CRITERIA THEN BEING APPLIED IN DETERMINING THE AVAILABILITY OF CCC CREDIT.

THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE HARMONIOUS AND STABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH POLAND AND BELIEVES THAT THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC DATA WILL GREATLY FACILITATE U.S.-POLISH TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS.

SIGNED EARL L. BUTZ, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. KISSINGER

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